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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 77: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(c) WORLD DECADE FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution on the World Decade for Cultural Development (A/C.2/46/L.50)

1. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, said that in informal consultations on the draft resolution it had been decided to replace the words "as well as" in paragraph 3 (a) with the word "including". He recommended the text to the Committee for adoption without a vote.

2. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.50, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on a World Commission on Culture and Development (A/C.2/46/L.51)

3. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that Malawi, Malaysia and Mozambique had become sponsors of resolution A/C.2/46/L.51. During informal consultations it had been decided that the words "as the latter proceeds" should be inserted after the word "Organization" in paragraph 2. In addition the word "Requests" in paragraph 3 should be changed to "Expects". He recommended the draft resolution for adoption without a vote.

4. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.51, as orally revised, was adopted.

(e) ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Draft resolution on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.1)

5. Mr. McGANN (United States of America), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.1, said that Singapore had become a sponsor. His delegation had worked with the sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.7 and A/C.2/46/L.9, on the same subject, and had successfully reconciled the two texts. He therefore recommended the adoption of the new text - A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.1 - by consensus.

6. A number of changes should be made in the text. In the fourteenth preambular paragraph, the words "grounds for" should be inserted before the word "concerns" and the word "driftnet" should be inserted before the word "fishing". The words "the fact" should be deleted from the fifteenth preambular paragraph. Lastly, "Reaffirms" in paragraph 1 should be replaced by "Recalls".

(f) DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT (continued)

Draft resolution on desertification and drought (A/C.2/46/L.81)

7. Mr. OULD CHEIKH EL GHAOUTH (Mauritania) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.81.

AGENDA ITEM 82: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)

(b) UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations Development Programme Human Development Report (A/C.2/46/L.87)

8. Mr. REDZUAN (Malaysia), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.87, recalled the controversy which had arisen in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and in other forums regarding the incorporation of a human freedom index in the Human Development Report. The sponsors of the draft resolution felt compelled to submit their text to the Committee because, despite very strong opposition to the index, UNDP had indicated that it intended to proceed with a study of human/political freedoms and to incorporate a new format for a political freedom index in the 1992 edition of the Human Development Report.

9. The sponsors wished to maintain the spirit of consensus which had always guided the work of UNDP and were prepared to consider altering the wording of the draft text as long as its main objectives were adequately addressed. In that connection, he proposed that a reference to the divergent views on the subject among the human rights experts at the UNDP-sponsored seminar on 19-20 November 1991 in New York should be included in the eighth preambular paragraph.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft resolutions on special assistance to Namibia (A/C.2/46/L.27 and L.84)

10. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.84, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27, and recommended that the new text should be adopted without a vote.

11. Mr. STOBY (Secretary of the Committee) said it was the understanding of the Secretariat that the provisions of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.84 were not related to recommendation 6 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213. Accordingly, if the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution, he did not foresee any programme budget implications.

12. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.84 was adopted.

13. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 83: INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.39 and L.76)

Draft resolution on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/46/L.39)

14. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39. Accordingly, he recommended that the text should be adopted without a vote.

15. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.2/46/L.76, containing the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39.

16. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39 was adopted without a vote.

AGENDA ITEM 89: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.15, L.28 and L.82)

Draft resolutions on regional economic integration among developing countries (A/C.2/46/L.15 and L.82)

17. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82, which he was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.15, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

18. The CHAIRMAN said that he had been informed by the Secretariat that the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/46/L.28 did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82.

19. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82 was adopted.

20. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.15 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

21. Mr. BULBULIA (Barbados), speaking on behalf of the States members of the Caribbean Community, said that the Community attached the highest importance to integration as a means of promoting the collective social and economic development of the West Indian people. The Community's efforts to achieve integration were based on the three principles of economic cooperation through the Caribbean Common Market, coordination of foreign policy among the independent member States, and the promotion of functional cooperation through the efficient operation of certain common services.

22. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82 represented a laudable effort to bring the issue of regional economic integration among developing countries within the ambit of the United Nations system. Implementation of that resolution would

(Mr. Bulbulia, Barbados)

contribute significantly to the advancement of the economic integration efforts currently under way in various parts of the developing world.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

23. The CHAIRMAN announced that Mali and the Republic of Korea had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71 (agenda item 77 (e)) and that Chile and the Dominican Republic had withdrawn their sponsorship of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.47 (agenda item 82).

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.

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FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

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SECOND COMMITTEE
54th meeting
held on
Tuesday, 3 December 1991
at 3 p.m.
New York

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Chairman: Mr. BURKE (Ireland)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 77: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(e) ENVIRONMENT (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.88 and L.89)

Draft resolution on international cooperation in the monitoring, assessment and anticipation of environmental threats and in assistance in cases of environmental emergency (A/C.2/46/L.88)

1. Mr. KUDRYAVTSEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who hoped that it would be adopted without a vote.

Draft decision on the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (A/C.2/46/L.89)

2. Miss SEALY (Jamaica) introduced the draft decision on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Cuba, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and the United Republic of Tanzania, and expressed the hope that the Committee would be able to adopt it without a vote.

AGENDA ITEM 84: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)

Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Yemen (A/C.2/46/L.94)

3. Mr. MISSARY (Yemen), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, thanked the Committee for allowing his delegation to submit a second draft resolution on assistance to Yemen in order to encourage the international community to help Yemen cope with the aftermath of the earthquake and cyclone that had struck the country a few weeks earlier. While certain revisions might be made to the draft text, the sponsors hoped that it would be adopted without a vote.

AGENDA ITEM 86: TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/46/L.77)

4. Mr. MAMFOUMBI (Gabon), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Benin, Madagascar and Zaire, said he hoped that the draft would be adopted without a vote.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

5. The CHAIRMAN announced that a number of delegations wished to join in sponsoring draft resolutions which the Committee would consider. The draft resolutions and respective sponsors were: A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.1 (agenda item 77 (e)) - Yugoslavia; A/C.2/46/L.25/Rev.1 (agenda item 77 (i)) - Cape Verde and Philippines; A/C.2/46/L.71 (agenda item 77 (e)) - Malaysia and Yugoslavia; and A/C.2/46/L.81 (agenda item 77 (f)) - France. In addition, Cyprus, Egypt and Yemen had withdrawn their sponsorship of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.47 (agenda item 82), and Jordan had withdrawn its sponsorship of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.71 (agenda item 77 (e)).

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.

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FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

Official Records

SECOND COMMITTEE
55th meeting
held on
Wednesday, 4 December 1991
at 3 p.m.
New York

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Chairman: Mr. BURKE (Ireland)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft decision on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (A/C.2/46/L.63)

1. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft decision A/C.2/46/L.63. The "(a)" in the first paragraph and all of paragraph (b) had been deleted. He recommended that the revised text should be adopted without a vote.

2. Draft decision A/C.2/46/L.63, as orally revised, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 77: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.52, L.53, L.92, L.95 and L.96)

Draft resolutions on environment and international trade (A/C.2/46/L.52 and L.95)

3. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.95, which he was submitting on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.52, and recommended it for adoption without a vote.

4. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.95 was adopted.

5. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.52 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Draft resolutions on the Trade and Development Board (A/C.2/46/L.53 and L.96)

6. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.96, based on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.53, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.96 was adopted.

8. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.53 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Draft resolution on adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210 (A/C.2/46/L.56)

9. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.56. However, the words "further improve" in paragraph 4 should read "improve further"; in the same paragraph, the words ", where appropriate", should be inserted after the words "and to promote". Subject to those revisions, he recommended that the draft resolution should be adopted without a vote.

10. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.56, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/C.2/46/L.92)

11. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.92. Accordingly, he recommended that the text should be adopted without a vote.

12. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.92 was adopted.

(e) ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Draft decision on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/C.2/46/L.90)

13. Mr. GATHUNGU (Kenya) introduced the draft decision on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Finland.

AGENDA ITEM 84: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)
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Draft resolution on special assistance to the front-line States (A/C.2/46/L.36/Rev.1)

14. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.36/Rev.1, which Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, Norway, Suriname and Sweden had joined in sponsoring. In the third preambular paragraph of the English text, the words "had been adversely affected" should read "have been adversely affected". The sponsors hoped that the text would be adopted without a vote.

15. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.36/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft resolution on emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia (A/C.2/46/L.45/Rev.1)

16. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.45/Rev.1. Accordingly, he recommended that the text should be adopted without a vote.

17. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.45/Rev.1 was adopted.

18. Ms. HASSAN (Somalia) thanked the Committee for adopting the draft resolution. Civil unrest in Somalia had caused tremendous human suffering and destroyed the country's infrastructure. Regrettably, there were no signs that the situation would return to normal in the near future. Her delegation sincerely appreciated the international community's efforts to alleviate the suffering of the Somali people.

Draft resolution on emergency assistance to the Sudan and Operation Lifeline Sudan (A/C.2/46/L.48/Rev.2)

19. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, announced that, following informal consultations, consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.48/Rev.2, and he recommended it for adoption without a vote. He also announced that Mauritania had become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

20. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.48/Rev.2 was adopted.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

21. The CHAIRMAN announced that a number of delegations wished to join in sponsoring draft resolutions that the Committee would consider. The draft resolutions and respective sponsors were: A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.2 (agenda item 77 (e)) - Cape Verde; A/C.2/46/L.47 (agenda item 82) - Rwanda; A/C.2/46/L.81 (agenda item 77 (f)) - Benin, Germany and Kenya; A/C.2/46/L.88 (agenda item 77 (e)) - Trinidad and Tobago; and A/C.2/46/L.89 (agenda item 77 (e)) - Dominica, India and Uruguay. In addition, Namibia, Nepal and Suriname had withdrawn their sponsorship of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.47 (agenda item 82).

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.